

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a fuel cell;

a battery; ~~secondary-secondary power source~~; and

a power delivery interface capable of being coupled to a load device;

a power multiplexer coupled to provide power through the power delivery interface from either the fuel cell or the battery; and

a controller to ~~multiplex the fuel cell and secondary power source~~ operatively coupled to the fuel cell and battery to receive power readiness indications, operatively coupled to control the power multiplexer, and operatively coupled to the power delivery interface to signal the load device to reduce a load.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the ~~controller is adapted~~ power multiplexer includes circuitry to charge the ~~secondary power source~~ battery with the fuel cell.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 ~~further including an interface to a load device, the interface including~~ wherein the power delivery interface comprises:

at least one power conductor; and

at least one signal conductor to signal a state of the controller.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[8]] 1 wherein the battery comprises a Lithium-Ion battery.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~[[8]]~~ 1 wherein the battery comprises a Nickel-Metal-Hydride battery.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 ~~wherein the secondary power source comprises~~ further comprising a capacitor coupled in parallel with the battery.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
starting a fuel cell; ~~and~~
determining if the fuel cell is ready to source power;
determining if a battery is ready to source power; and
~~while the fuel cell is starting~~ if neither the fuel cell nor the battery is ready to
source power, signaling a load device to reduce a load.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 further comprising:
~~while the fuel cell is starting~~ if the fuel cell is not ready to source power and
the battery is ready to source power, providing power from a secondary power
~~source~~ the battery.

16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein providing power from a ~~secondary power source~~ the battery comprises providing power from a battery and capacitor combination.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 further comprising signaling a load device to reduce a load if the fuel cell is not ready to source power and the
~~secondary power source~~ battery becomes depleted.

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus including a medium adapted to hold machine-accessible instructions that when accessed result in a machine performing:
starting a fuel cell; ~~and~~
determining if the fuel cell is ready to source power;
determining if a battery is ready to source power; and
~~while the fuel cell is starting~~ if neither the fuel cell nor the battery is ready to
source power, signaling a load device to reduce a load.

21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 20 further comprising:
~~while the fuel cell is starting~~ if the fuel cell is not ready to source power and
the battery is ready to source power, providing power from a secondary power
~~source~~ the battery.

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein providing power from
~~a secondary power source~~ the battery comprises providing power from a battery and
capacitor combination.

23. (Currently Amended) An electronic system comprising:
a hybrid power system comprising a fuel cell[;], a battery, a power
multiplexer coupled to provide power to a power delivery interface from either the
fuel cell or the battery, and a controller operatively coupled to receive power
readiness indications from the fuel cell and battery, and further operatively coupled
to signal a load reduction request through the power delivery interface; and
a computer coupled to receive power from the hybrid power system through
the power delivery interface.
~~a secondary power source;~~
~~a controller to multiplex the fuel cell and secondary power source; and~~
~~a load device that includes an antenna.~~

24-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The electronic system of claim 26 wherein the ~~fuel-cell~~
hybrid power system is external to the computer.

28. (Currently Amended) The electronic system of claim 26 wherein the ~~fuel-cell~~
hybrid power system is in a swappable bay of the computer.

29. (Currently Amended) The electronic system of claim 28 wherein the ~~fuel-cell~~
hybrid power system is semi-permanently affixed within the computer.